

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

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the specification of which (check one)

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☐ [] was filed on _____ as Application
Serial No. _____ and was amended on
_____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application or to the patentability of the invention claimed therein in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, section 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, section 119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

			Priority Claim	
(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year filed)	Yes	No
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Full name of sole or first inventor: Andrew Carver

Inventor's signature: _____

Date: 2/12/01

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Second Inventor's signature: 

Date: _____

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Citizenship: United States of America

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Full name of third joint inventor: Tim Lessek

Third Inventor's signature: 

Date: 2/1/01

Residence: 39 North Orchard Drive, Apt. #4, Warsaw, Indiana 46582

Citizenship: United States of America

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Full name of fourth joint inventor: William S. Pietrzak

Fourth Inventor's signature: 

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Fourth Inventor's signature: _____

Date: _____

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Examiner:	To Be Assigned)	
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Inventor(s):	Carver, et al.)	
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Hon. Commissioner Of Patents & Trademarks
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b), the undersigned hereby establishes the below-named
Assignee's ownership in the above-identified Application:

Assignee: Biomet, Inc.
Airport Industrial Park
Warsaw, IN 46580

The documentary evidence of a chain of title from the original owner to the Assignee is
provided in the Assignment Document(s):

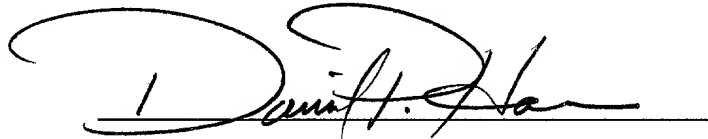
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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to sign this certificate on behalf of the assignee.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel P. Hann", written over a horizontal line.

Name: Daniel P. Hann
Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel
Assignee: Biomet, Inc.

Date:

APRIL 9, 2001

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	First Named Inventor	Carver
	Group Art Unit	To Be Assigned
	Examiner Name	To Be Assigned
	Attorney Docket Number	5490-000216

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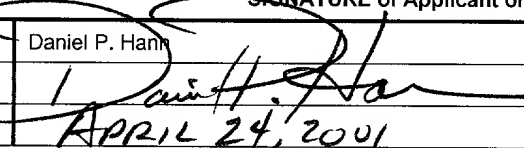
I am the:

☐ Applicant.☒ Assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.

Certificate under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).

SIGNATURE of Applicant or Assignee of Record

Name Daniel P. Hann

Signature 

Date

APRIL 24, 2001

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